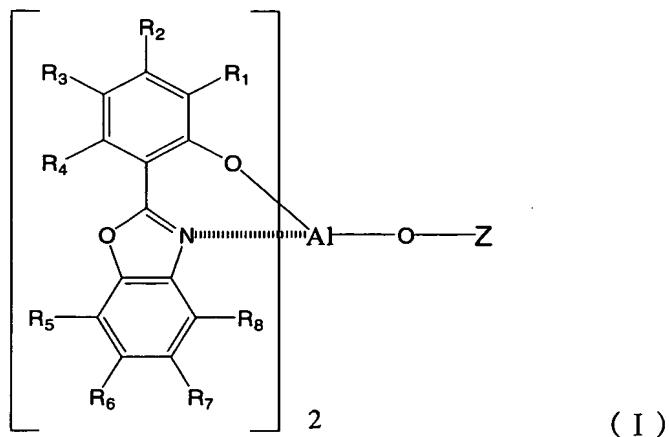


ABSTRACT

Disclosed is an organic electroluminescent device (organic EL device) which has a simple structure and utilizes phosphorescence. The organic electroluminescent device is improved in luminescent efficiency and secured of sufficient driving stability. The organic electroluminescent device includes a luminescent layer or a plurality of organic compound thin film layers containing a luminescent layer formed between a pair of electrodes. The luminescent layer contains a compound composed of an Al complex of an oxyphenylbenzoxazole which is represented by the general formula (I) below as a host material, while containing an organic metal complex including Ru, Rh, Pd, Ag, Re, Os, Ir, Pt or Au as a guest material:



where R₁ to R₈ independently represent hydrogen atom, alkyl group, aromatic group or the like; n represents 2 or 4; and Z represents aromatic group, triarylsilyl group or the like when n is 2, while representing Al(III) when n is 4.